

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rainfall Replenished Crops and Pastures

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 19, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dented	95	92	89	87
Corn Mature	81	71	56	54
Corn Harvested	31	21	9	8
Cotton Setting Bolls	97	95	69	83
Cotton Bolls Opening	7	3	8	15
Peanuts Pegged	96	92	84	84
Peanuts Dug	0	0	0	0
Peanuts Combined	0	N/A	0	0
Soybeans Blooming	97	94	92	91
Soybeans Setting Pods	79	67	59	69
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	6	3	1	9

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	10	26	44	20	0
Cotton	1	6	39	52	2
Peanuts	0	1	18	79	2
Soybeans	2	6	35	52	5
Livestock	0	3	29	59	9
Pasture & Range	1	8	38	44	9

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.7	0	12	88	0
District 20	4.6	1	7	90	2
District 30	5.2	0	33	65	2
District 40	5.6	3	19	77	1
District 50	4.6	1	3	46	50
District 60	4.4	6	25	64	5
State: Current Week	4.8	2	14	75	9
State: Previous Week	5.1	5	20	74	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed recent rainfall was very helpful to crops and pastures throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and

Tallapoosa Counties. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said pastures and row crops continue to improve due to recent moisture across Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, confirmed crops in Pike County were showing signs of recovery because of scattered showers. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said Conecuh County received a good amount of rainfall. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, confirmed crops in Covington County were looking good.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported recent rainfall the past couple of weeks have been good for the cotton and soybean crops in Marion and Winston County; on the other hand, the rainfall will likely only benefit late planted corn. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated corn losses were still being reported in Clay and Randolph County. Don Moore, Director of the AL Experiment Station, reported cotton pests continued to be way down even on non-Bt varieties, and recent rains improved the yield potential for soybeans in Autauga County. Jeffrey Smith stated showers continued across the region, and the harvesting of most earlier planted corn was complete. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County received some much need rainfall the last two weeks, and corn harvest has begun. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated corn yields in Bibb and Perry County were coming up short due to previous dry weather and temperatures; however, soybeans and cotton conditions improved due to recent rains. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said cotton and soybeans were looking good after receiving recent rains, and producers anticipate digging peanuts within the next ten days in Crenshaw County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone stated hay has the potential to have a good yield, as producers hope to get back in the hay fields this week after receiving recent rainfall and cooler temperatures. Lance Hopper, FSA PT, reported widespread armyworms in Morgan County. According to Henry Dorough, ACES REA, widespread rainfall improved forages dramatically this past week, and producers anticipate one additional cutting of hay in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Carol Gay reported a decrease in hay yields and an increase in cattle prices in Clay and Randolph County. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported pastures and hay fields look really good throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Jones Jr., confirmed armyworms in Henry County. Pastures and hay fields in Crenshaw County improved, stated Dorothy Chavers. Marie Headley reported hay yields were better for the second and/or third cutting. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said Chambers and Lee County started getting a little rain last week, and pastures recovered fairly well.

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, August 13, 2012, to
Sunday, August 19, 2012
(7 days)

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	76.1	1.26
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	76.5	1.55
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	74.8	1.40
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	75.9	2.68
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	80.9	2.14
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	80.5	1.86
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	77.1	1.51

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 14, 2012

National Weather Service

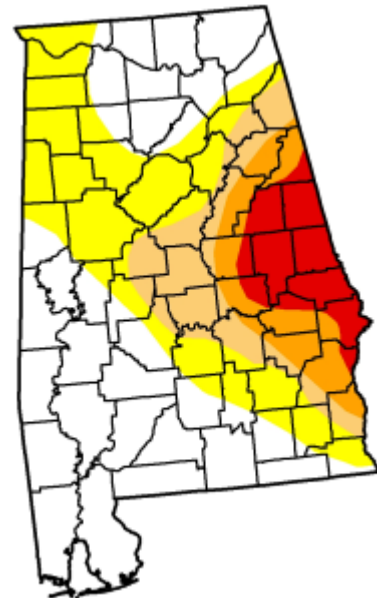
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.49	53.51	27.23	16.25	8.66	0.00
Last Week (08/07/2012 map)	41.17	58.83	33.40	21.99	14.27	1.60
3 Months Ago (05/15/2012 map)	15.49	84.51	48.25	27.66	21.89	2.85
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (08/09/2011 map)	33.04	66.96	56.78	37.72	4.50	0.00

Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate	 D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe	



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